

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 1 is amended. Support for the amendment may be found in cancelled Claims 4 and 10 as well as on page 4 lines 3-26 of the specification.

Claims 4, 10, and 14-16 are cancelled without prejudice.

These changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 USC §112, first paragraph

Claims 1-17 have been rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraphs as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Office states, “The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed.” Applicant traverses the rejection.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Venkat for her time on June 10, 2008. The interview conducted with Applicant’s undersigned representative was helpful in advancing prosecution of the pending application. In accordance with the suggestions made by Examiner Venkat during the interview, the claims have been amended. It is Applicant’s understanding that the amended claims are in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing arguments, reconsideration of this application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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